

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claim 22 remains active in this case and is amended by the present amendment to more clearly state the claimed patent scope.

In particular, the “maximum interference amount indicating step” has been amended to rearrange the order of presentation of the recitation of “the maximum amount of interference ...” to clarify “a maximum interference amount indicating step of indicating, from said RNC to which said amount of interference is notified to said base station, ... .” Clearly this change does not change the meaning of Claim 22 and in no way raises a new issue.

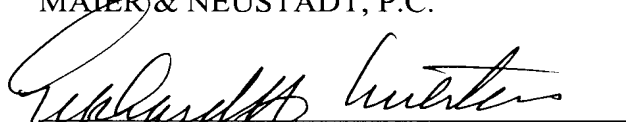
Also, the “an uplink radio resource indicating step” has been amended to clarify that it is --indicating-- which is being performed and not “setting.” The change, “setting” to --indicating--, inadvertently was not implemented when Claim 22 was amended in the Amendment filed December 15, 2008, i.e., when the step in question was amended to recite “an uplink radio resource ~~setting~~ indicating step.” This latter change likewise is not believed to raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

As the changes submitted herewith were uncovered in Applicants’ post allowance review of the allowed claims, Applicants have exercised diligence in filing the present amendment.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. An early and favorable indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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